

**BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF
OPERATING PERSONNEL IN WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS
MEETING MINUTES**

Date: Monday, February 2, 2015
Time: 8:30 am
Location: AAFES Bldg, 919 Ala Moana Blvd, Honolulu, Oahu, Rm 309 Conference Room
Attendees: Kevin Nakamura (KN), Chair, Hawaii Water Environment Association
Virgilio Viernes (VV), Vice-Chair, County of Maui
Dr. Roger Babcock (RB), University of Hawaii Faculty
Lee Mansfield, P.E. (LM), Professional Engineer in Private Practice
Loren Tanigawa (LT), County of Kauai
Robert Souza (RS), City and County of Honolulu
Ron Hay, P.E. (RH), Private Sector

MINUTES

A. Call to Order at 9:02 am January 2, 2015

B. Review December 2014 Meeting Minutes

1. The minutes of the December 11-12, 2014 Board of Certification (BOC) meeting were approved.

C. Old Business

1. Michael Soares: Mr. Soares addressed the board regarding an extension to the license renewal date (October 15, 2014). The request was denied. However, Mr. Soares was informed that he will be allowed to sit for the Grade 1 or 2 or 3 license exam in February.
2. DRC notification needed for Gary Franger's two aerobic systems in Hauula – has been contacted by phone and email – PENDING.

D. New Business

1. HWEA/AWWA Conference presentation on February 4th, 9:00-9:45am: The 2015 Hawaii Water Conference powerpoint presentation was prepared.
2. CBT Exam Results
 - a. Totals for 2014: 26 exams attempted (2 Gr I, 3 Gr II, 5 Gr III, 16 Gr IV), 6 passed (1 Gr I, 2 Gr II, 1 Gr III, 2 Gr IV).
3. Requests for CEUs:
 - a. Jonah Napoleon. Sacramento State WWTP Ops Vol I (K Kerri). Approved for 6 CEUs.
 - b. Luke Bumanglag. Took courses at LCC. No CEUs were granted.

4. DRC Notifications:
 - a. Kaloko WWTP, Class II facility, DRC Jason Imamura, Grade 4.
 - b. Hana Kai Maui Resort, DRC Darren Gibo, Grade I.
 - c. Poipu Water Reclamation Facility, Class IV facility, DRC Reid Kawane, Grade 4. Secondary DRC Ryan Saiki, Grade III.
 - d. Kukuiula South Shore Community WWTP, Class II facility, DRC Ryan Saiki, Grade 3. Secondary DRC Reid Kawane, Grade IV.
5. Requests for Reciprocity
 - a. Robert Schmidt. Applied for Grade III by reciprocity from Washington. Approved pending receipt of \$50 certificate fee.
 - b. Donald Needham. Applied for Grade 4 by reciprocity from Maryland. Denied because of insufficient experience.
 - c. Dwight Dearmon. Applied for Grade 4 by reciprocity from Alabama. Approved pending receipt of \$50 certificate fee.
 - d. James Huchel. Applied for Grade 4 by reciprocity from Illinois. Approved pending receipt of \$50 certificate fee.
6. Requests for Temporary Certification:
 - a. None.
7. Wastewater Treatment Plant Classifications
 - a. Covanta HRRV WWTP Oahu: The BOC visited the plant which scored 63 pts and is therefore a Class III facility. DRC is Wade Thode.
 - b. Wahiawa WWTP Oahu: The BOC visited the plant which scored 67 pts and is therefore a Class III facility. DRC is Clyde Hudson.
 - c. Ulu Wini WWTP: The BOC visited the plant which scored 44 pts and is therefore a Class II facility.
 - d. Kohanaiki WWTP Kona: The BOC visited the plant which scored 94 pts and is therefore a Class IV facility.
8. Request for Course Evaluation for CEU approval
 - a. Russell Kaneshiro. Applied for approval of one-day "Control Panel" class on wastewater pump stations/pumps/controls/etc. Approved for 0.75 CEUs.
 - b. Hawaii Rural Water Association requested CEUs for several courses: HWRA32C, HWRA32D, HWRA34C, HWRA34E,

HWRA34G, HWRA40A, HWRA41A, HWRA44A, HWRA46A,
HWRA47B, HWRA47E, HWRA49A. None were approved.

9. February 12, 2015 Certification Examination Administration
 - a. Sand Island WWTP – morning Lee Mansfield, evening Robert Souza
 - b. Waimea Community Center – morning Ron Hay
 - c. Kihei WRF – morning Virgil Viernes
 - d. Kauai Civil Defense – morning Loren Tanigawa
10. Planned meetings, exams, deadlines for 2015
 - a. Meetings: Mar 19-20 Kona, May 14 Oahu, July 16-17 Lanai, Sept 3 Oahu, Oct 15-16 Kauai, Nov 12 Oahu, Dec 10 Oahu
 - b. Exams: Feb 12 (apps due Dec 5), Aug 20 (apps due June 5)

E. Adjournment: February 2, 2015 – 2:00 pm

Next BOC Meeting: March 19-20, 2015 (Kona)